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SUBJECT: UNCTAD TDB: MANUFACTURES RESOLUTION

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1. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH POSITION THAT GROUP B SPOKESMAN MONTGOMERY TOOK WITH REGARD TO RESOLUTIONS ON MANUFACTURES. UNCTAD IV RESOLUTIONS HAVE ALREADY TREATED ISSUES IN QUESTION, AND THESE MATTERS ARE AND SHOULD BE UNDER CONSIDERATION AT THE MTN. DELEGATION SHOULD CONTINUE TO DEFEND THIS POSITION.

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2. SHOULD THE DELEGATION BE UNSUCCESSFUL IN MAINTAINING

OUR PREFERRED POSITION, IT SHOULD SUGGEST AN ABBREVIATED RESOLUTION. THE RESOLUTION WOULD INCLUDE THE PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPHS IN LDC DRAFT WITH PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH SIX EDITED TO READ, QUOTE BEARING IN MIND THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE NASCENT EXPORTERS OF MANUFACTURES AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES AND HAVE AS SUCH A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON EXPORT SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES; END QUOTE. THE OPERATIVE SECTION OF THE RESOLUTION WOULD READ: RECOMMENDS THAT THE COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS GIVE (SERIOUS) CONSIDERATION TO THE FOLLOWING VIEWS ON THE ISSUES OF EXPORT SUBSIDIES, COUNTERVAILING DUTIES AND SAFEGUARDS AND STANDSTILL WHICH ARE OF VITAL CONCERN TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: (A) THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO THOROUGHLY REFORMULATE THE PRESENT NORMS ON EXPORTSUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES AND ON SAFEGUARDS TO PROVIDE FOR DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED AMONG THEM, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAS 1 AND 2 OF CON-FERENCE RES 62 (III), AND THAT THIS IS BOTH FEASIBLE AND APPROPRIATE; (B) THAT THE INTERESTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE FULLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN ANY CODE OR CODES OF CONDUCT BEING EVOLVED, OR TO BE PERFECTED, FOR REGULATING THE USE OF EXPORT SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES, AND OF SAFEGUARDS; (C) THAT SUCH A CODE OR CODES REFERRED TO IN PARA (B) ABOVE SHOULD RECOGNIZE THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS FACING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' EFFORTS IN THE CONTEXT OF THEIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIALIZATION POLICIES, TO PROMOTE DIVERSIFICATION AND IMPROVE THE RATE OF GROWTH OF THEIR EXPORTS OF MANUFACTURES AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES AND TO INCREASE THEIR SHARE IN WORLD EXPORTS OF THESE PRODUCTS; (D) THAT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO THE STANDSTILL PROVISIONS WHICH THEY HAVE ACCEPTED WITH RESPECT TO IMPORTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. END TEXT.

3. SUCH A RESOLUTION WOULD ELIMINATE THE OBJECTIONABLE SUBSTANTIVE PROVISIONS IN THE LDC TEXT. IN ADDITION, IT WOULD REMOVE THE PROVISION IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LDC DRAFT CALLING ON THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO TRANSMIT THE RESOLUTION TO GATT. WE BELIEVE THE SEPARATION OF UNCTAD FROM GATT IS WHOLLY BENEFICIAL AND WISH TO AVOID PRECEDENT FOR UNCTAD AND OTHER ORGANIZATION DIRECTLY MAKING REQUESTS OF GATT AND THE MTN.

4. IF THE G-77 WILL NOT ACCEPT ABBREVIATED RESOLUTIONS

DESCRIBED ABOVE, DELEGATION MAY ACQUIESCE IN A DECISION OR, IF NECESSARY, RESOLUTION SIMILAR TO THE LDC DRAFT PROVIDED, (1) THE VIEWS UNDER PARAGRAPH ONE ARE MARKED CLEARLY AS THOSE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; AND (2) THE RESOLUTION DOES NOT CONTAIN A REQUEST THAT THE UNCTAD SECRETARY GENERAL TRANSMIT THE RESOLUTION TO GATT. WITH REGARD TO THE LATTER POINT, THE DELEGATION MAY NOTE THAT RESOLUTION 91(IV) CONTAINES NO REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO TRANSMIT THE VIEWS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO GATT. KISSINGER

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